

A.C.K. ST. STEPHEN'S CHILDREN'S HOME

"We love and care"

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

INTRODUCTION:

The ACK St. Stephen children home is a faith-based institution founded in the year 1998. Its foundation is based on the **vision which encourages the home**: To open doors to deserving children facing difficult circumstances, especially those that are relegated to streets; foster their rehabilitation into conventional undertaking in a Christian upbringing, through institutional care, family support interventions and enrolment in learning institutions.

The home is also directed through our **mission which enables us**: To facilitate the rehabilitation, care, and the protection of the street children, orphans and vulnerable children, through provision of the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, education and medical care in a healthy and a loving environment.

In the St Stephen children home, we own our vision and mission through our **Core Values by looking after the children with:**

- Godliness.
- Compassion.
- Integrity.
- Passion.
- Teamwork and
- Accountability.

1. THE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING 2025

We thank the almighty God who enabled us to see the new year of 2025. On **5th January 2025**, the whole family of St Stephens joined together to give thanks to our almighty God for blessing us with the new year. It was a special day because even our chaplain Rev Zack was also giving thanks for God enabling him to graduate with a bachelor's degree of divinity. Our diocesan bishop who is our institution patron was the celebrant and preacher for the day.

2. LAUNCHING OF STRATEGIC PLAN

On the same day of 5th January 2025, the board of management had organised the launching of our **strategic plan 2025-2029**. The document was launched by our lord bishop in the institution hall. We also had an opportunity of our primary school class rooms being dedicated. All this was climaxed with a celebration, where all our children and Christians from the church attended.

The schools then opened on 6th January 2025 and all our children were ready for the new term ahead. They all reported. Glory be to God.

3. NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRESS

Following the need and public participation with our parents of pre-school, of having a primary school at St Stephen home, the grade one class began in January. We were able to register 8 children in grade one where 4 children continued and 4 were new comers. It was just a humble beginning and we are trusting God for the increase of more children with time as the school continues to grow.

- a) Currently all the classes are doing well and the following was the population by end of term three.

Play Group = 25

PP1 = 20

PP 2 = 19

Grade 1 = 8

Total number of children in the school = 72

- b) The institution also recruited two teachers for the school who reported in January and began the work. That is:
- = Teacher Winnie Njeri a P1 qualifications holder who is handling Grade one
 - = Teacher Pauline Kawira an ECDE teacher qualification handling the Play group children.
- So far, all our classes have individual teachers and they are doing well.
- = On **21st October** we held our PP2 graduation ceremony, parents meeting and prizegiving to all our learners. We were privileged to have **Madam Jackbed Njue** who work with the ministry of education as our chief Guest for the day. It was also our closing day and parents appreciated our transition from preschool to the primary school at St Stephens.

4. 2024 KCSE RESULTS AND THE INSTITUTIONS JOINED IN SEPTEMBER 2025

The following children scored the following grades in their form four exam and the institutions they joined 2025

NAME	SCHOOL	MEAN GRADE	ADMISSION AND COURSE TAKEN
PAUL MUCHIRA	KING DAVID KAMAMA	D+	JEREMIAH NYAGA – AUTOMOTIC COURSE
LUCY NYAMBURA	COUNTY SEC SCHOOL	D+	ENA VOCATIONAL - HOSPITALITY
DAVID MUCHIRI	KARUCHO SEC SCH	D	JEREMIAH NYAGA-ELECTRICAL INATALLATION(ARTISAN)
HELLEN WANJA	URBAN SEC SCHOOL	D	ENA VOCATIONAL – HOSPITALITY (ARTISAN)
FAITH KATHI	GIKUYARI SEC SCH	D-	GOT MARRIED – NOT YET
CAROL WANJIKU	MUGAMBACIURA	D	GOT EMPLOYED IN NAIROBI

5. ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN THEIR LEVELS OF EDUCATION

- I) The following 8 children did KJSEA and will be joining senior schools in January 2026
Name and points scored for assessment and the senior schools admitted for grade 10

NAMES	POINTS	SENIOR SCHOOL ADMITTED
Sheila Nyakio	51	St Angela Nguviu Girls high school
Clement Mutugi	46	King David Kamama Boys high school
Lydia Makena	40	St Annes Girls Kiriari
Jackline Nyakio	40	St Annes Girls Kiriari
Spranda Wanjiru	35	St Catherine Nthagayia girls
Jeremy Murimi	33	St Joseph M'tetu secondary school
Catherine nyakio	17	St Magdaline Thicingi girls
Moses Mwenda	23	St Joseph M'tetu secondary

II) The following 10 children are in for their KCSE exams this year 2025

NAME	FORM	SCHOOL
1. Elizabeth Njoki	4	St Teresa girls kithimu
2. Mercy Murugi	4	St Magdalene Thicingi
3. Omar Juma	4	Kangaru school
4. Jane Wanjiru	4	Kangaru girls
5. Faith Ann Nyakio	4	St Magdalene Thicingi
6. Ann Kairuthi	4	St Marys Kiangima
7. Faith Kawira	4	Mayori sec school
8. Dorren Njoki	4	St Johns Kianjuki
9. Elizabeth Njeri	4	Kiangai Day sec school
10. Harrison Munene	4	Gitare sec school

III) **THOSE WHO FINISHED THEIR COURSES YEAR 2024/2025**

NAME	INSTITUTION	COURSE
Marion mwikali	Mount Kenya university	Bachelor of public relation and Governance
Elly joy mwende	Kenyatta University	Bachelor of Economics
Denis kimanthi	Ena vocational center	Automotive engineering
David muriithi	Jeremiah Nyaga Institute	Certificate in Plumbing course
Norman Waweru	Ena Vocational centre	Plumbing course level 1

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- We have been able to do several repairs following the recommendations from the ministry of education and public health department. This includes: classrooms, pavements, toilets, kitchen Jikos and chimneys. Office block repainting and repairing of gutters. What has remained undone is the painting of the roofs in all our building which we believe can be done in the course of the year if the budget allows. It was also a recommendation during inspection period.

7. STAFF AND CHILDREN WELFARE

Our school and the institution in general mourn the loss of our beloved teacher Wendy, who succumbed to death while in delivery process on 20th March 2025 together with the new born baby. She was the head of ECDE program as well as our store keeper. Her work was excellent in both departments. May her soul rest to eternal peace.

= On the same spirit we greatly feel the loss of our school and home children president Regina Wawira grade 9 student, who succumbed death while receiving medication Embu level 5 hospital ICU ward. This happened on the 19th September 2025. This has been a very challenging and difficult year for the loss of the two from the institution and a very big blow. May their souls rest to eternal peace.

8. DIOCESAN KAMA VISIT

On Saturday the 26th April 2025, we were blessed to host the KAMA members who had come to visit us. They were 96 men and they donated **kshs, 221, 600=, 10 bags of maize and 1 bag of beans.**

9. DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION VISIT

On 16th August 2025 the mother's union visited the home for their talent week climax. They donated **kshs 348,500=, 15 bags of maize and 2 bags of beans** among other perishable items. The total number of attendees was 278 women.

10. HOSTEL, CHAIRS AND MATTRESS

This year in the month of May we are expecting to host about 40 lay readers for their retreat from **19th to 25th May 2025.** We thank God for such opportunity.

We also hosted a team of 9 ordinands and their spouses for a retreat from **27th July to 2nd August 2025.** It was a blessing to have them around us.

11. ST STEPHENS DEANERIES VISIT YEAR 2025

The following deaneries have been able to visit us and the others are on the schedule.

DATES	DEANERIS	TOPIC (VIRTUES)
13 TH SEPTEMBER	ENA AND KANJA	✓ FORGIVENESS
27 TH SEPTEMBER	RUNG'ANG'A AND KITHIMU	✓ PATIENCE
11 TH OCTOBER	KIRIARI AND MUCAGORI	✓ CLEANLINESS
25 TH OCTOBER	KAUGWIRI AND KAGUMORI	✓ SELF-CONTROL
1 ST NOVEMBER	MANYATTA AND MUKANGU	✓ HONESTY
15 TH NOVEMBER	KAITHEGE AND KATHUNGURI	✓ PRAYER
22 ND NOVEMBER	KAMIU AND KANGARU	✓ GRATITUDE

Much appreciation to all our guests who have visited us this year. May the almighty God bless them more abundantly.

12. VISIT TO THE UK

I thank God for the time I had to visit some of our sponsors, Timothy and Kirstie in London. Timothy agreed to take up one more university student whom I presented his case Barbie Maina. His tuition fees are quite huge and he has no sponsor. We also organized that next year they will bring a team of young people to visit the home and get introduced on how they can cheap in the sponsorship program at our home.

I also had a chance to meet another well-wisher by name OLu Akindinde. He wants to come over and visit, then partner with us for the support of our school and children needs. So far, no response has been made but we are hoping for the best.

13. ST STEPHENS DAY 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The board of management organised the celebration of St Stephen's 30 years of its existence. We were riding on the theme: ***“Three decades of grace: Carrying the spirit of St Stephen forward”***. The occasion was graced by our patron the diocesan bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Muriithi, all the clergy, friends and neighbouring institutions. We also honoured the legends lead by Mrs Irene Njue wife of our first bishop of Embu, bishop Henry and his wife Susan, and the first manager of the home canon deaconess Jesse Nyaga. It was a remarkable event which took place on ***Saturday 6th December 2025.***

- On this day we appreciate the support rendered by our county woman representative Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru (double NN). The team was able to donate 40 mattresses and 40 blankets for our children which was a great need to us. We give God all the glory.

14. DIOCESAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

During the diocesan education Sunday held at St Annes girls kiriari our institution was among the institutions which were recognized and awarded Trophies. The three areas identified were: The St Stephens children home was:

- a) **Best** in Financial support to children Education
- b) **Best** in nurturing children's talents
- c) **Best** in Intervention programs to vulnerable children through rehabilitation, care, protection and psychological support.

In this spirit we are determined to continue doing our best in all areas for the sake of our children and encouraging them to be focused as they build their future through education.

15. CONCLUSION

- As we carry the spirit of St Stephen forward let us join together and thank the almighty God for the far, he has brought us as the institution.
- We acknowledge all the support from our well-wishers, the friends and partners from UK, Germany and Canada. All our diocesan teams and others institutions, churches and individuals we greatly appreciate the great support.
- We were visited by our 13 UK partners from **29th December to 8th January 2026**. We greatly appreciate their coming and interaction with only our children. They gave them a one day outing to Izaak Walton Inn where they enjoyed the swimming and special lunch.
- To all our well wishers come in, come all and God bless you.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy blessed new year 2026 full of Gods favour.

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